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ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust has engaged contractors to operate and manage the newly constructed buffer yard for handling undocumented factory stuffed containers;

(b) if so, whether tenders were called from prospective bidders in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. However, since the buffer yard developed in 1997 was just adjacent to the Container Freight Station (CFS) managed by M/s Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) since 26.5.1989, the operation and management of the same was also entrusted to M/s CWC w.e.f. 1.7.97 till the end of May, 1999, considering their experience and expertise in handling containers and documentation and to synchronise with period of contract for management of the said Container Freight Station.

In June 1999 tenders were invited from 5 shortlisted prospective tenderers for award of licence for operation and maintenance of Container Freight Station and buffer yard for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 1.6.99. Only 4 tenderers submitted offers out of which 3 tenderers were found to be responsive and the amount quoted by these tenderers towards lease rentals per annum for the facilities at import CFS and buffer yard are given below:-

(i) M/s Central Warehousing Corporation - Rs.6.5 Crores

(ii) M/s National Freight Carriers - Rs.1.5 Crores

(iii) M/s Ganesh Transport Syndicate - Rs.1.05 Crores

The contract of operation and management CFS and buffer yard was awarded to the highest bidder, i.e., M/s CWC for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 1.6.1999.